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HOUSE BUCKS RECESSION

Brook House needs some £500,000 of renovation, but it is being heralded as the house that
signalled the end of the property recession after it sold for £120,000 more than the asking price

■ BY NICK AMES

A LISTED building in Eastry is
being hailed as the house that beat
the credit crunch.

The hard-pressed local market received a
boost when a well-known property was fea-
tured in a national newspaper and went for a
sum way above its original valuation.

With property values among the hardest hit
in the financial crisis, experts say the sale
could go some way towards kick-starting a
leap in the value of homes in the area.

Last month The Times property supplement,
Bricks and Mortar, ran an article about Brook
House, a Queen Anne property near
Sandwich.

It stated that the house and gardens were in
need of serious renovation and that the prop-
erty was on the market for £695,000. The sale
was conducted by the executors of the late
owner. But following the story the house was
sold – at an increase to the asking price of
more than £120,000.

The Times – claiming credit for the good
news for the property market – wrote: “The
Grade II-listed house was sold last week for
nearly 20 per cent over the guide price, despite
a further £500,000 of work needed to bring it
back to its former glory.”

Local estate agents were also delighted.
“There was a staggering response,” said
Simon Backhouse, a partner at Strutt and
Parker. “We already had 50 viewings before it
was featured in The Times, but the publicity
brought in a further 100 viewings.”

Strutt and Parker said staff decided to ask

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SIMPLE: The dragon is filled with low-maintenance plants to suit its exposed location

Viking dragon watches over roundabout

■ BY NICK AMES

DRIVERS travelling from Sandwich to Thanet are now being greeted by a dragon on a roundabout which symbolizes the area's Viking heritage.

The roundabout at the junction of Haine Road and Manston Road on the outskirts of Ramsgate is now home to the striking wooden mythical beast.

The area has been landscaped to include drought-resistant grasses and plants which will require no watering and minimal maintenance.

The dragon, made from pressure-treated timber that should be weather-resistant for 25 years, represents the area's strong links with the Vikings.

It has been paid for by Thanet council's environmental action programme, which works to improve the appearance of the area.

Work on the dragon has been undertaken in association with the county council.

Traditional

Shirley Tomlinson, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "The dragon is a striking addition to what is one of Thanet's most high-profile routes."

"The dragon is a really practical way of dealing with a very difficult site."

"It's wind-blown, meaning we can only use certain plants there and we've had to pick ones that need little maintenance."

"It's also an exceptionally busy road, making it very difficult for staff to get access to it, so traditional flowerbeds just wouldn't work."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Company history on show in the museum

A MUSEUM exhibit dedicated to the history of Pfizer is set to open at Sandwich Museum today.

It will include documents and photographs detailing the history of the company, which has been a major part of the town in recent years.

It is the first such exhibition to be staged at the town's museum, which contains artefacts and exhibitions dating back to when the town was a major port in Roman times.

Fashionable support

A CHARITY fashion show will be taking place in Deal tomorrow.

The event will be held in the Large Hall, The Landmark Centre, High Street, from 7pm.

Admission is £6 per person and the show will raise money for the Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA) and a guest speaker will be present to explain more about the charity on the night.

Tickets are available from 2's Company and Tamarisk Boutique and also on the door.

Arrested for break-in

A TEENAGER from Bexleyheath has been arrested for burglary after an alleged break-in at a property in Worth.

Police investigating the raid at the house in Mill Lane on Wednesday last week stopped and arrested a 17-year-old at junction five of the M20 on the afternoon of Saturday, March 28.

He was released on bail and will appear at Folkestone Youth Court on Thursday, April 16.

Walking for charity

A CHARITY walk in aid of the Breakthrough Breast Cancer group is set to take place this Saturday.

It starts at 10am at Walmer Castle, where walkers should meet for registration, and goes through to St Margarets. A buffet will be provided by the White Cliffs Hotel for all those who are taking part.

To get more details of the charity see www.breakthrough.org.uk.

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Greeters to welcome visitors to our towns

Volunteers will share knowledge

BY MARIJKE COX

ALMOST 20 years ago, New Yorker Lynn Brooks launched a scheme to help out-of-towners find their feet in the Big Apple.

The idea came from friendly exchanges she'd enjoyed with people she had met on her travels and who had shown her the best places to eat, drink and visit in their home-towns.

Years later, the scheme was launched in Thanet – the first place in Europe to do so – and now, following its success, Dover district has become the second to launch its own Greeter scheme.

The White Cliffs Greeter Programme is being led by Visit Kent as part of the Pride in Kent campaign with Dover District Council, the White Cliffs Country Tourism Association and Sandwich and Dover town councils.

The project sees volunteers from the district offering visitors a 'friendly-face' service when they arrive, giving them advice and ideas on what to do and see in Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

Peter Shaw, director of operations at Visit Kent, said: "The system links interested visitors with enthusiastic locals – people who have



WELCOME: Greeters will be presenting a friendly face to visitors across the district – the scheme has its roots in New York.

a real love of their area and want to share it with others. It's the three Fs of tourism – first friendly face. In terms of the economic climate we should add a fourth F because the service, as far as the visitors are concerned, is entirely free.

"The Greeters are not tour guides, they're not specialists, they are simply people who want to welcome guests with a friendly face."

Tourists can apply for a Greeter through the website or Visitor Information Centre and they are then linked with a local person who will introduce them to the area.

People are eligible to one greet, which can last from one-and-a-half to three hours.

Frederick Scales, DDC's Cabinet member for economy and special projects, said: "Tourism plays an important part in the local economy and this campaign shows the effective partnership working between the council and the

industry, working together to promote the area as a great place to visit."

The launch of the Greeter scheme took place on Thursday last week at Sandwich's Secret Gardens as part of a multi-media tourism campaign for White Cliffs Country by DDC.

A new visitor guide showcasing the area was also introduced, detailing coming events such as the centenary of Louis Bleriot's solo flight across the Channel on Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26.

Kit Smith, Cabinet member for skills, training and external relations, said: "We are proud to promote a warm welcome for visitors to White Cliffs Country. This is a great opportunity to turn the spotlight on the many amazing attractions of the area."

Visit www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk for more information about the scheme.

Polls predict a political change

BOTH Sandwich and Deal will change hands politically in the next election if current trends continue, according to political analysts.

The towns will swap from Labour to Conservative, say the findings, which also point to David Cameron's Tories being the next party of Government in the UK.

Electoral Calculus – which takes into account opinion polls, boundary changes and voting patterns – says both Dover and Deal's Gwyn Prosser and Thanet South member Dr Steve Ladyman will lose their seats in spring 2010 if current attitudes continue among the electorate.

According to the website, Charlie Elphicke will take the Dover and Deal seat by 7.23 per cent for the Conservatives and Dr Ladyman's rival Laura Sandys will win with a majority of 17.97 per cent for the current opposition party.

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'Aspirational' home needs a lot of work

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people to submit their final offers by a particular date.

Interest came from London, local professionals and overseas, and there were 15 firm but varied offers; the difference between the top and bottom ones was £500,000.

"It's a very aspirational home," Mr Backhouse said. "The Queen Anne style is very popular, with its symmetrical facade."

The Times added: "Also, the lure of a renovation is too good to miss for some – people love the idea of putting their own mark on these grand homes despite the extra cost, which will be huge."

"The five acres of grounds alone will cost £100,000 to renovate and the house requires drastic work on the ceilings and the main entrance – not to mention the rooms."

The property has nine bedrooms but just two bathrooms, both of which are fairly basic.

The front door was extremely grand in its day but needs urgent attention.

Among the period features are 19th-century cast-iron cooking implements which include baking and roasting ovens, both clearly marked as such.

Awareness day to support overlooked members of society

MP Dr Steve Ladyman is supporting World Autism Awareness Day, which takes place tomorrow.

The Thanet South member – whose constituency includes the area around Eastry – said the event will join with UK autism charities, including the National Autistic Society in standing up for local people affected by the condition.

Organised by the United Nations World Autism Awareness Day, it brings together autism organisations all around the world and gives a voice to the millions of individuals who are undiagnosed, misunderstood and looking for help.

Experts say all too often autism is not properly understood as a distinct condition and the needs of people affected by this complex disability are not recognised to the extent they could be.

Dr Ladyman said: "I've been campaigning to improve support for autistic people for many years and one thing I have learned is that the number of people on the autistic

spectrum is a lot higher than most of our public agencies think and if we are underestimating the number of people who need support then it is certain we are under-funding those services."

"Every week I hear about autistic people whose needs are not recognised, who are facing discrimination or who need our support and are not getting it."

The MP set up the All Party Parliamentary Group on Autism in 2001 and was its first chair.

He added: "The group has raised awareness of autism in Parliament and the needs of autistic people are now better recognised by Government. Unfortunately, that is not always translating to better local services and that is what we need to get councils and NHS Trusts to recognise."

"Stand Up For Autism Day is about filling the gap between the support autistic people need and what they get, not just in Kent and in the UK, but all around the world."



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Council recognised for equal standards

DOVER District Council has been recognised for its work in supporting equality for residents and staff.

An inspection by the national Improvement and Development Agency has taken place, looking into work carried out by the council with some of the many community groups in the area.

Representatives gave positive responses with one stating: "Dover District Council has made a difference." Enthusiasm, strong leadership and clear vision were some of the comments made by external reviewers who gave the council an improved equality standards rating.

Cllr Ian Ward, cabinet member for corporate resources and performance, said: "This recognition of the way we have moved forward over the last two years."

Spring deals offered by new ferry firm

FERRY operator LD Lines has launched its new Easter and short spring break offers.

The newest firm to the Port of Dover is offering Dover-Boulogne return crossings for a car and four passengers for £28, and Dover-Dieppe return crossings for £40 for a car and two passengers.

For those wishing to take a longer break, a five-day return trip on the Dover-Boulogne route is £45 for a car and four passengers and £55 return from Dover-Dieppe for a car and two passengers.

All short break and five-day return fares are valid for travel between March and June 2009, including Easter holidays subject to availability.

To book visit www.ldlines.com or call 0844 576 8836.

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Learn about the White Cliffs Greeters. Search 'Greeters'

Shopkeepers rage after police release two suspected thieves

TWO suspected thieves held captive by shopkeepers were set free by police despite being found with possible stolen goods.

Peter Drew and Andrew Buchanan, owners of Phillips and Drew in Dover High Street, caught the suspected Polish shoplifters after seeing them take socks from the baskets outside their shop.

Earlier that day, two other Polish men – believed to be part of the same group – had entered the shop asking to buy some Dr Marten boots. But after Mr Buchanan returned from the back of the store with the correct size for the shoppers, he found a pair of boots missing from the display.

So when the next pair of crooks tried to have a go, the owners took

■ BY MARIJKE COX

no chances and grabbed them both.

Mr Drew said: "Our business is struggling as it is without people stealing from us, so when we rang the police and they said to let them go I said 'No way'.

"We asked them to send someone quickly as we couldn't hold them much longer – one was big and the other quite stocky – but the person on the phone, who's based in Maidstone, said they had to get the right information so they could send the appropriate task team.

"A local officer came down, took the socks off them and let them go. He said he couldn't hold them.

"When they left, the two who had stolen the boots were standing over the road watching – I told the officer, but he said he couldn't do



SHOP: Mr Drew (left) and Mr Buchanan

anything without proof. We saw the Polish men all together later on, so we know they're all part of the same gang."

A spokesman from South Kent Police said the officer would not have been able to arrest the two suspected thieves, even though they had the socks on them, as they had not left the premises.

He said: "They could easily just say they had every intention of paying. They hadn't actually left

the shop with the goods, therefore they can't be arrested for shoplifting.

"With regards to imprisoning someone, you can't lock somebody up and not let them go, but in this case the officer on the phone said to release them because of health and safety.

"People shouldn't put themselves at risk by holding a suspect."

Phillips and Drew, which opened in 2003, stocks general clothing and school uniforms as well as camping gear.

The store is feeling the bite of the recession and is struggling to stay afloat.

Mr Drew said: "These are difficult times for businesses and it would be good if crimes could be prevented rather than police having to meet targets.

"More police patrolling the streets would help."



TRAVEL SHOW HITS THE SPOT

Visitors from across Kent crammed into the Dover Cruise Terminal to enjoy KOS Media's Travel and Leisure Show.

More than 4,000 people attended the event on Sunday to discover the wealth of tourist attractions the county has to offer, as well as to snap up bargain deals from cross-Channel ferry firms, travel operators and more.

KOS Media's events manager Liz Hare said the show was even better than last year's, which also attracted a huge crowd.

She said: "Last year exceeded all expectations and we were delighted that even more people came and enjoyed the show this time around.

"The exhibitors were thrilled with the turn-out and the visitors I spoke to thought it was great to find everything under one roof.

"Some of the stands had people queuing up next to them all day. It was just a phenomenal success."

The show, which received official accreditation from the organisers of British Tourism Week, gave firms in the travel, tourism and leisure industry the opportunity to demonstrate what they are all about.

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Memorial sign plan 'not meant to cause upset'

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A TOWN councillor has hit back at criticism over plans to erect a sign in Dover's war memorial gardens, saying the idea was simply to create a focus for the town.

Ronnie Philpott, chairman of the events committee, said she was disappointed with the negative response from the community after the idea of a tilted sign displaying a logo, either sign-written or as a bed of plants, was put forward.

Many blasted the proposal, calling it "bad taste" and "out of keeping", resulting in the item being taken off the agenda at a town council meeting last week so further discussions between the committee could take place.

Cllr Philpott said: "I'm very saddened that people think of it as a form of desecration.

"In no way was this meant to cause offence. My great-uncle's name is on that memorial and I used to visit it when I was a child with my grandfather.

"The aim was to do something good for the town, to give people something to focus on.

Highlight

"For example, we've just gained Fairtrade status, so we thought we could show a Fairtrade emblem to highlight this, or the Dover Town Council logo."

The committee had sent letters to interested parties last month, putting forward its idea of the tilted apparatus sign.

If plans do go ahead it will stretch two metres by two metres, stand a possible two metres high and be located in front of the memorial statue or on the lawn.

Cllr Philpott said: "I thought we could have a bed of flowers spelling out a logo, it wouldn't necessarily be a sign-written logo.

"But we've had mostly negative responses and will have to discuss this at the next events committee meeting. I can't just throw



Picture: SIMON CHAMBERS OF THE DOVER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

NO! Objectors say memorial is not right place for a sign

the idea out – it's not as easy as that."

Andy Cooper, secretary of the Friends of the Dover War Memorial Project, is one the people against the plan.

He said: "I can see where Dover Town Council is coming from, but it's very ill-thought out. It's not the best place to put something like that. The nature of the memorial is for people to remember those who lost their lives in the world wars.

"It should be kept free. Two metres is enormous and it really shouldn't be put there."

Campaigners for George Cross For Dover also stated their objections in a letter to the town council.

It read: "It is our view that any additions would be an intrusion into this emotional space, which should remain clear for memories and reflection.

"The very idea of placing a logo of any form there would be representative of an attempt to claim ownership of the honour and memories that are implicit in the fabric of the war memorial and would thus be wholly inappropriate."

Government initiative will allow district's elderly to swim for free

THE over-60s are about to benefit from a new free swimming scheme being launched in the Dover district.

Vista Leisure and Dover District Council have announced the introduction of the Government-led initiative at Dover Leisure Centre and Tides Leisure Centre in Deal.

From today, anyone aged 60 or over can enjoy free swimming at both centres during public swim times over the next two years.

Cllr Julie Rook, cabinet member for sport, said: "With a growing population in the Dover district of people aged 60 and over this initiative is ideal to support people in leading a healthy and active lifestyle.

"I am looking forward to seeing the impact in our community and hope that more people will swim more often."

The Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary

Care Trust is also helping out by providing funding for a limited number of targeted subsidised sessions for children and adults at the two centres.

Places for this scheme will be available after Easter with further details available on the Vista Leisure website.

Kevin Fordham, Vista Leisure's chief executive, said: "We are delighted to be working in partnership to deliver both the swimming initiatives.

"Swimming is great fun and if people in our district take regular exercise of this nature it can really improve their health and well-being."

For swimming pool programmes and further information on either schemes visit www.vistaleisure.com or phone Dover Leisure Centre on 01304 201145 or Tides Leisure Centre on 01304 373399.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Antique market on green

FIRST and Second World War medals are just some of the items going under the hammer at the Walmer Spring Brocante.

The event, which is being held on Sunday, April 19, from 8am-4pm, will also boast more than 90 stalls set up on Walmer Green, as well as a French market selling Continental breads, cheeses and olives.

Items of interest at this antiques and crafts fair, organised by Walmer Parish Council, include a jukebox with more than 2,000 classic 50s and 60s records and some coins dating from about 1279.

There will be a chance for visitors to have items valued by experts from the Canterbury Auction Galleries between 10am-1pm.

A donation of £2 per item will go to the Walmer Memorial Bandstand Trust.

Limited stall spaces are available at £28 for the day. To book a pitch, phone 01304 381506, or visit www.walmercouncil.co.uk.

Good Friday invitation

MEMBERS of Eythorne Baptist Church are inviting guests to join them for their special service on Good Friday.

Parishioners will also be celebrating the church's 459th birthday, and Lewis Allen, senior pastor of Gunnersbury Baptist Church in Chiswick, will be guest speaker for the occasion.

Services are being held at 3.30pm and 6pm on Good Friday, with tea served in the interval and performances from the church choir and silver band. On Easter Sunday there is a family service at 11am.

For more information phone 01304 830617, or email rick.battenfield@eythorne-baptist.co.uk.

Young take on democracy

A GROUP of Beavers and Cubs in Dover has attended a town council meeting to see what goes on at Maison Dieu House.

The youngsters had a chance to hold the Mayor's mace and sit in the various positions that councillors take at meetings.

Diane Smallwood, Mayor of Dover, said: "It is always wonderful to have young people in to understand a little of their history, but also to understand and begin to understand what their parents are voting for in the democratic process which is so precious to us."

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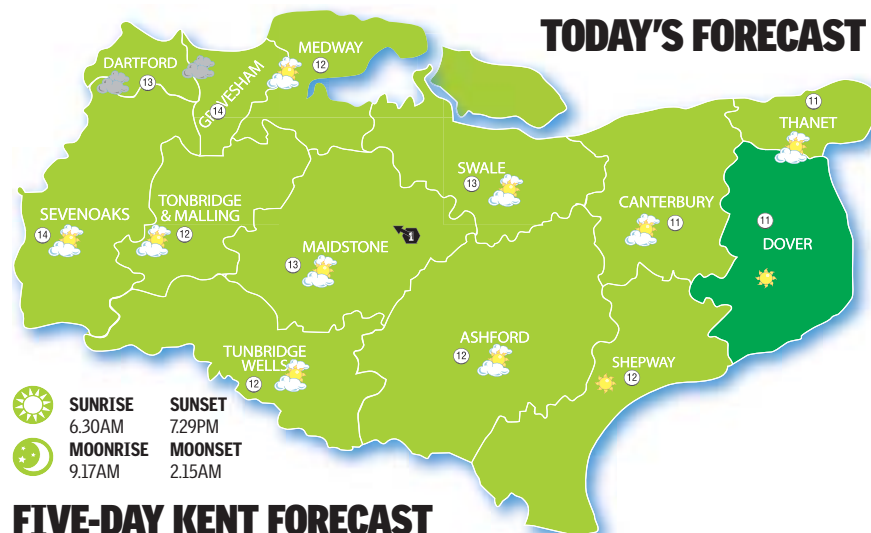
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	Sunday	8:42am	5.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:31am	6.0m
	Sunday	8:09am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	7:39am	4.0m
	Sunday	9:12am	4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:12am	4.9m
	Sunday	9:45am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:24am	4.4m
	Sunday	10:03am	4.6m



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Beijing	8°C	Rome	17°C
Bombay	34°C	Sydney	23°C
Cape Town	22°C	Tenerife	19°C
Cardiff	11°C	Tokyo	12°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	9°C
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Canterbury	13°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	Maidstone	14°C	13°C	14°C	14°C	14°C
Chatham	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	Ramsgate	13°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	12°C
Dartford	15°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	Rochester	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C
Dover	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	Sevenoaks	13°C	12°C	14°C	13°C	13°C
Faversham	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	Sittingbourne	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C
Folkestone	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	Tonbridge	14°C	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
Gillingham	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	Tun Wells	14°C	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C

Parish's turmoil after error strips councillors of titles

PARISH councillors in Eythorne who were stripped of their titles after an error have attacked Dover District Council for refusing to reinstate them all.

Instead, the authority has only reappointed five of the 11, despite claims it was the district council's mistake which led to them being removed. According to the villagers, an old declaration of acceptance of office form was given to them when they were elected.

The error meant they had been serving illegally since May 2007. In February, the district took away their titles and last week reappointed John Baldwin, Stuart Cowan, David Nash, Jeanette Stares and Richard Taylor-Worth – but not all of the 11.

A district statement read: "The appointments were necessary so the parish council could function when it was discovered members had failed to take the declaration of acceptance of office in the form required."

Disqualified

But Wendy Hansell, one of those left out, said: "The statement says we failed to sign the correct form, leading parishioners to think it was our fault, but we had been given the wrong form by the clerk."

According to the former councillors, the district decided against getting the correct forms signed and instead disqualified them before looking for five officers to take over. But this option failed and they were then all asked to interview for just five positions.

A statement from the former councillors read: "We felt to choose five was unjust, undemocratic and could not reflect electors' wishes. "People who had previously resigned ... were encouraged to put themselves forward."

"All had the opportunity to stand for re-election but chose not to – DDC decided to appoint three of these people. We care little for political gamesmanship, but more about our reputations."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

JIM PARMENTER



Q When did you first get involved with Dover Athletic?

A I was previously involved in the mid-90s and left in the late 90s to do other things. In 2004 the board at the time contacted me saying the club was in trouble and going to be wound up by the Inland Revenue, and would I be interested in helping. Originally I said no, but they kept trying and in the end I agreed to take a look at the books and after that agreed to try to get the club out of trouble.

Q What swayed you to get involved again?

A I was determined not to get involved again, but I think the determination of the supporters and the town to keep the club alive with fund-raising by the Supporters Trust and townspeople made me realise it was worth giving it a go, and with a group of local businessmen we took it on.

Q How are you feeling about Dover Athletic doing so well after being promoted just last season?

A It's great. We were in the Conference, as everybody knows, and had previously suffered three relegations in four years and were rotting away in the Ryman South League.

We had a couple of years where we made the play-offs but didn't get promoted and now, since we brought Andy Hessenthaler on board as manager, we're getting very close to our second promotion in two years.

Q How does it feel to have so many supporters in the town backing Dover Athletic?

A It's great. We've got fantastic crowds – they're one of the biggest non-league crowds in the country. We're regularly getting more than 1,000 people and we've had five or six crowds this year of more than 2,000, which is really pleasing. It just shows the potential for the club in the town.

Q How's everyone feeling about the new Centre Spot clubhouse?

A Really good. We had the team doing well on the pitch, but all we had was a garden shed as a clubhouse and a bar. So we've invested a significant amount of money in that now and also in the sponsors' facilities. The idea is that it becomes a bar for match-days and also a venue to sell into the community.

Q Can you tell us about the football academy being set up between Dover Athletic and Abbey School in Faversham?

A Youth development is very important for any non-league club and we've been looking for an opportunity to put in a proper structured academy because as we move up the league all Conference clubs will be required to have an academy. By linking with the Abbey School this is an official FA academy where the youngsters get A-level education alongside full-time football coaching, so it gives them a fallback position: if they don't make it in football they have an educational qualification.

Q What is the best thing about being the chairman of Dover Athletic Football Club?

A People often ask me that and I sometimes wonder myself, but I think the best thing to sum it up is to say the look on the 2,000 faces when we win a game and get promoted makes it all worthwhile. I just think it's the feeling that it brings to a lot of people when the club's doing well. It makes the town proud as well.

Q What's the hardest thing?

A Trying to raise the money to keep the club on a sound financial footing.

Q Do you think the club will be affected by the recession?

A I'm sure we will be. It's getting harder and harder for businesses, but we have great sponsors. Perry's Vauxhall is our main sponsor and we have many others. But obviously in a recession every enterprise has to work harder.

Q What are your hopes for the year ahead?

A We've just won promotion to Conference South at the weekend with a 6-0 win over Sutton United. But our hope is to get into Conference South and move the club forward into Conference National Division – and then get ourselves ready for attempting an assault on the Football League.

Q & A

Jim Parmenter, chairman of Dover Athletic, talks to **Marijke Cox** about deciding to return to help the club to get it out of trouble, why the supporters are so important and what he hopes the club will achieve in the future

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STAY TUNED: Rhys Ifans (left) and Bill Nighy star in *The Boat That Rocked*, based on the exploits of pirate radio DJs who included Roger Gale (above in 1964), now a Tory MP

Pioneering DJs remember 'anarchy' on the high seas

PARTYING and practical jokes to a soundtrack of rock'n'roll – that's how the pioneering DJs of the Swinging Sixties remember pirate radio.

The latest big screen offering from British director Richard Curtis, *The Boat that Rocked*, set on board an offshore 'pirate' radio station, opens nationwide at cinemas today.

To mark this we spoke to some of the DJs who pushed the boundaries of the law to bring pop music to the masses.

Roger Gale, the Tory MP for Thanet North, BBC Radio Kent presenter Roger Day and BBC Radio 2 presenter Johnny Walker, were among a crew of young men who became 'pirates' of the airwaves in the 60s to challenge the Government's monopoly of radio.

Curtis's film stars Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans and recent Bond girl Gemma Arterton, who is

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

from Gravesend, and is based on the story of Radio Caroline which began broadcasting off the coast of the UK in 1964.

Mr Gale, who joined the Radio Caroline DJ team in August of that year, said: "When we were out there for the summer we were jumping off the side of the ship to swim as the records played.

Coastguards

"We would work a fortnight on the boat and have a week off. Huge crowds would welcome us off the boat – lots of girls.

"I was engaged at the time so I did not revel quite as much as others."

In celebration of his birthday, the late night rock show presenter and his co-DJs decided to play a game involving their listeners.

The 'pirate' boats had to stay three miles

away from shore so they were in international waters and not bound by English law.

Mr Gale told how the broadcasters asked all the people in nearby coastal towns to drive down to the beach and flash their headlights.

He said: "The coastguard went berserk. They were good times."

Johnny Walker was a Radio Caroline DJ who was used by Curtis as a consultant for the film.

He said: "Richard has captured the spirit of pirate radio very well in the film. It was anarchy."

His colleague at the Beeb, Roger Day worked at Radio Caroline from 1966-68, he said: "It was the dream job for a 21-year-old. Playing great music and having a laugh."

He told how to fill the time between shows on the ship, the young men would squirt each other with the fire hose and play practical jokes, such as setting the breakfast show team's alarm clocks so that they would wake up five hours too early.

Commission slams KCC for not heeding Icelandic warnings

KENT County Council has been accused of negligence by putting millions of pounds of our money into Icelandic banks days before the system collapsed last year.

KCC was one of seven English councils slammed in a report by spending watchdog the Audit Commission on Thursday, because the council carried on paying cash into the doomed Iceland banking system, despite warnings they were in trouble.

The commission revealed KCC paid in £8.3 million in early October, just days after a warning on September 30 that one bank's credit rating had fallen. On October 7, the Icelandic banking system collapsed completely.

The county council – which is believed to have lost £50m in the collapse – maintains it had been open about its conduct and hoped to get the cash back. But the fate of the £954m deposited by councils and other public bodies in Icelandic banks remains uncertain.

There is no British government protection for institutions as there is for individuals.

Handful

The Audit Commission said most councils had "heeded warnings" about the declining credit worthiness of Icelandic banks during 2008, and had acted.

However, it said that some had ignored the risks while a handful, including KCC, had behaved "negligently".

The collapse has highlighted the "variable standards" within finance at different councils across England and Wales.

"Good treasury managers recognised those risks and managed them appropriately," said an Audit Commission spokesman.

"Others either did not appreciate the risks or underestimated their significance."

KCC cabinet member for finance Nick Chard told the BBC: "The position and language used by the Audit Commission is quite extraordinary. It really is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. I find this a convenient smokescreen for the Audit Commission, which has twice the level of exposure in Icelandic banks that Kent County Council has."



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Push the boat out on fish trail

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

CAST your net far and wide to experience the bounty of our seas as a new fish trail is launched.

Local produce supporters Produced in Kent have unveiled the Soul to Sole Fish Trail, highlighting the wealth of seafood and its integral role the industry has played in the history of our communities.

Available online and in tourist offices across the county, the trail includes regional farm shops, fishmongers and fish restaurants, while highlighting the fascinating story behind the and the impact the industry has had on our coastline.

It also hopes to highlight the health benefits of eating fish, while reinforcing the message of our campaign to demand locally produced, locally sourced food and drink.

The trail guide also addresses the important concerns of fish sustainability and outlines Kent's environmentally responsible small day-boat fishing policy in the Channel.

As Julie Monkman, manager at Produced in Kent, explains: "While consumers

have grasped the health benefits of eating more fish, there are many environmentally conscientious consumers who have concerns about consuming fish from depleted stocks.

"The good news about the fishing industry in Kent is fishermen tend to work with small day-boats in Kent's waters, rather than with



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the damaging deep net fishing.

"The trail guide has provided a powerful mouthpiece for us to communicate this information to the increasing numbers of consumers who want to be environmentally responsible and prefer to consume naturally-occurring, native fish stocks."

Among the many places featured are the likes of top restaurants

Coastguard pub at St Margaret's Bay to the Mulberry Tree in Boughton Monchelsea – winner of the recent best restaurant prize at the Produced in Kent awards night. There are walks, too, including a stunning circular stroll along the famous white cliffs at Dover, taking walkers around Kingsdown and

starting and finishing at Walmer Castle. Fans of social history can even learn how the great British dish of fish and chips has developed and evolved over the centuries. And if you want to know how to buy and prepare fish, there is information on that, too – plus a

special introduction to how to get fish into your diet if you've yet to take the plunge.

Ms Monkman said: "The health benefits of eating more fish, and oily fish in particular, are undisputed.

"Recent findings have shown benefits for improved concentration, brain development and managing hyperactivity in children, while there has been a very positive link between preventing many of the major diseases in older people.

"Rather than banging the health drum, this guide has quite literally been designed to put the soul back into eating more regionally sourced fish, with a thoroughly practical and useful guide on where to buy and eat the best fish in Kent."

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During the three-day exercise, the students were shown how to use breathing apparatus and go into a dark, smoke-filled room to find and carry out a mock casualty.

Sam Baker, from Dover, had been badly burnt in a fire when he was 11 and was scared of fires before he started the course. He said: "This was a real fear-breaker and tested my limits."

The group was the second to take part in the course and experienced many other aspects of fire-fighting, including tackling a burning pan of oil.

In the business of literacy

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A GROUP of sixth-formers from Dover Grammar School for Girls have teamed up to create a book to help improve child literacy.

The Year 12 pupils set up Splat Publications, comprising 13 members, as part of the national Young Enterprise scheme, which encourages students to create their own companies with the help of volunteers from local businesses.

This year, advisers from Dover Harbour Board have been assisting pupils, helping them prepare for the regional finals which are being held at The Ark in Dover next month.

Chelsey Hynds, 17, one of the managing directors of Splat Publications, explained a little bit about their book, *My First Passport To London*.

"The idea of the book is to help improve child literacy in an interactive way. We had a few ideas, but we decided to create a travel guide about London.

"It has information about things to do, how



ENTERPRISING: The girls of Splat Publications have produced a book to help improve child literacy

to deal with situations and it focuses on green issues.

"There are quizzes for children to do and the main character is Ben the Bear, who leads them through the book."

Tasha Dixon, 17, human resources, said: "It's aimed at five to ten-year-olds, so we'll take it

round to primary schools in the Dover district to see if they're interested in buying it.

"The books cost £3.99 each and they're being printed by local printers Busi Print."

The girls have spent some of their project time trying to raise funds to pay for the printing and other expenditures.

Chelsey said: "We've done really well and raised £200, which is going towards having the books printed.

"It helps that we're the only group doing Young Enterprise in the school so people don't have to choose who to donate to."

Illustrations were carried out by Rebecca Houson, 17, the financial director of the group, with the help of Jessica Day, 16, who is the sales director.

Asked whether it was a difficult task, Rebecca said: "It didn't actually take too long and wasn't a difficult process – we did it by hand."

The girls will compete in the regional finals of the Young Enterprise scheme with their product in April.

Chelsey said: "We hope to achieve first place and have success in selling our book to schools, parents and teachers."

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So is it time that we – as a nation – actually showed some fervour and celebrated St George's Day?



Join in celebration of culture and dress up in a silly outfit

SO LONDON Mayor Boris Johnson wants to make a big issue of St George's Day this year – and about time too.

For far too many years the flag has been associated with nasty fringe groups – but it's for England, not some band of racist cretins who think they can hijack any symbol they want to. It symbolizes our sporting efforts, our heritage and our culture, so let's celebrate.

Let's take a moment to try and find who this saint actually was. And at the same time try and figure out what relevance a man from a country which no longer exists who died in the Middle East has got to do with England.

Well – officially he is a fourth century Christian martyr who is also patron saint of Georgia and the city of Moscow. But try as I might I can't find out much else about him.

He is thought to have been born into a noble Christian family in the late third century in

Cappadocia, an area which is now in Turkey.

The earliest literary reference to St George comes from Eusebius of Caesarea who, in 322 AD, writes of a noble-born soldier of high rank in the Roman army being thrown into prison for vehemently disagreeing with Emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians and, despite being tortured, refusing to recant his beliefs. The following day, April 23, 303, he was dragged through the streets of Nicomedia and beheaded.

The emperor's wife, Alexandria, was so impressed at the soldier's conviction in his beliefs that she immediately converted to the Christian faith and was also put to death.

The legend of George slaying a dragon and rescuing an innocent maiden from death came much later, in medieval times.

George has been England's leading saint since knights brought his legend back from the holy land in the Middle Ages and he was adopted by Edward III as patron of the Order of the Garter in 1348. In fact he replaced

Edward the Confessor as our national hero.

Some modern vicars, however, shy away from marking his feast day because they dislike his association with the violence of the crusades against the Islamic world.

And alternatives have been put forward.

One is St Alban, a 4th century martyr put to death after hiding a Christian priest from the Romans and trying – unsuccessfully – to hide himself. This rather dull incident took place in what is now the Hertfordshire city named after him. So nay, moves to deify him are surely nonsense.

One of the main purposes of St George is for sports fans to dress up in fake chain-mail with a white robe over the top and a tacky red cross plastered across the front.

So let's stick with St George and celebrate his day on April 23 with pride.

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Outgoing, fun female 28, seeks outgoing, fun guy to make me laugh, share good times with. Box 448551

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Loving lovely female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, with no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

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Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

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I'm Rachel, 35, medium, enjoys pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, cinema, theme parks, looking someone special to share things with. Box 448591

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Hi, I'm Alison, 36, 5ft5, single mum, loves swimming, roller skating and meeting new people, looking for a male for friendship, maybe leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915

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Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915

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Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, 2 kids. Looking for new friends and hopefully someone special. Box 446039

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Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796

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Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447386

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Debbie, 46, slim, 5ft5, blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a man, 44-49, 5ft7+, with a nice appearance, preferably a N.S. Box 449422

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Sun-loving 48yr old woman with a second home in Lanzarote, 5ft6, fairly slim, hazel eyes, looking for a man to share fun times with. Box 450310

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Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

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DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N.S. male for long term relationship. Box 448566

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Interests: theatre, music, gardening, cooking, walks. I'm a tactile, loving female, considerate, with a GSOH, 59, 5ft2, dark hair/blue eyes and WLTm romantic, non-smoking gent. Box 450420

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

HAPPY AS ME

Fun-to-be-with, happy, contented lady (60), 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 862612

LOVING AND GENUINE

Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking, very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking, eating out. Box 440502

EVERYTHING I DO

Led, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading. WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889729

YOUR TIME IS COMING

Maidstone male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40 Box 429375

TIME'S ON OUR SIDE!

Adventurer, 38, medium build, 5ft8, love my motorbikes and cars, gigs and especially road trips! Looking for female 30-40 who's outgoing, for fun and friendship. Box 450333

HOP IN!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTm a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN

I'm Pete, 39, 6ft, bald with a goatee, built like a rhino, love fun and games, always up for a laugh, seeking a lovely lady. Box 881350

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE!

Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer! Looking for loving companion. Box 450317

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Ar-loving 40yr old, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, into motorbikes and weight-lifting, looking for a trustworthy female for friendship to start off with, then who knows? Box 448928

HI THERE I'M...

Brian, 40, 5ft8, hazel eyes, black hair, into sport and keeping fit, looking for a special lady to share the good and the bad with. Box 450563

ETERNAL FLAME

Nick, 41, 6ft, slim, dark hair/blue eyes, likes cinema, country pubs and socialising with friends, looking for a kind, caring and considerate female, 35-45. Box 450339

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IF YOU WANT ME, LET ME KNOW!

Hello, I'm Wayne, 19, 6ft4, 18st, enjoy most things in life, very easy-going, looking for a nice girl to start a relationship with. Box 450360

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MUSCLE MUSCLE MAN

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LEAN ON ME

Very romantic, caring & loyal male, 44, slim, blue eyes, fair hair, GSOH, seeks lady with similar interests for hopeful long term relationship. Box 446121

SEEKING SNOW WHITE

Bashful male, 44, medium build, enjoys pubs, eating out/in, the outdoors, walks, picnics. Looking for a lady who likes going out. Box 450402

BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP

Builder by trade, I'm a 44yr old guy, I like cars, TV, watching football, going out, cosy nights in, cycling, walks. You? Box 448205

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

WITTY

Active, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home/car, enjoys shopping, good food, country pubs, music, most things, seeks homely, warm, trusting female. Box 408508

MOVING ON

Recently widowed male, 46, just needs some company for chats and evenings in or out, perhaps leading to something in future. Box 881241

FOOTLOOSE & FANCY FREE

Athletic build male, white complexion, 46, 5ft8, lots of hair! Loves nights in with bottle of wine and DVD, seeks lady to cook for. Box 450546

PICK ME!

Enjoys 46yr old bloke, slim/medium build, good personality, GSOH, likes pubs, sport, holidays and cooking, looking for a lady, 45-49, with similar interests. Box 450353

LIFE'S FOR SHARING

I'm 47, keep myself fit and healthy, like playing sports and enjoy nights out and in. I'm honest, kind-hearted, looking for the same in you. Box 881277

BRING BACK THE SPARKLE!

Scottish male, 48, 5ft8, a smoker, medium build, brown hair and eyes. WLTm nice lady, loyal and kind hearted, to cheer me up! Box 881298

MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME SMILE

Homely guy, great SOH, down-to-earth, 48, 5ft7, brown hair and eyes, good build, likes many interests, seeks lady to cuddle with. Hailsham. Box 450576

CLASSIC GENT

Genuine man, 5ft5, fair hair, medium build, I'm 53, widowed and ready to make a fresh start. I like the beach, nice weather, classic cars. Box 450393

HEART OF GOLD!

Loyal, honest male, 48, 5'10", medium build,

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THIS Easter at Bluewater, the iconic Lindt Gold Bunny will be hosting a series of enchanting events to entertain the whole family and raise funds for London's Great Ormond Street Hospital children's charity.

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The Lindt Gold Bunny extravaganza will be appearing in the Rose Gallery between April 4-11, bringing magical delights and chocolate surprises with it.

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on stilts and colouring activities for the children, there will be lots of chocolate Gold Bunny treats for kids and their parents who choose to have their faces painted!

So head down to Bluewater this Easter holiday, indulge in some family fun and delicious chocolate and help the Lindt Gold Bunny spread a little magic.

To celebrate these springtime festivities the Lindt Gold Bunny has teamed up with KOS Media – publisher of this newspaper – to offer six lucky readers the opportunity to win £50 of delicious Easter treats, including a 1kg Lindt Gold Bunny, a 200g Lindt Gold Bunny, a Lindt Gold Bunny Easter Egg and a selection of Lindor-filled eggs.

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TALK TIME

RUDOLF KREMERS

The Dutch game designer, who lives in Folkestone, talks about working at Retrotech in The Old High Street and his latest project



Tell us about yourself and Retrotech

Retrotech is run by three people: Colin Curl – on whose collection of wonderful items the shop inventory is based; Katherine Curl – his daughter and my partner; and me. The heart and soul of the business come from Colin's skill in finding and restoring the items, and Kate and I do our best to translate that into a viable business.

What kind of items do you sell?

An enormous variety, of scientific, historical or technological interest, often rather collectible. This can mean anything from classic microscopes to vintage electrotherapy equipment to classic World War Two gear. Voltmeters, ancient valves, nautical equipment ... you name it.

What are your career goals?

I am a professional game developer and author; Kate is a solicitor; and Colin is a technology genius. I am not sure where this will take our careers. I want to turn the shop into a huge success and we are working hard to achieve that.

Tell us something that people don't tend to know about you

I wrote my first game in the early 1980s. But I have never had as much satisfaction from working on a game as I am getting from my latest project, called Dyson (www.dyson-game.com). It all fits nicely with the theme of the shop, as well – Dyson is based on fascinating scientific principles and the shop almost feels like it belongs in a video game.

YOUR LETTERS

Mother's pride over Marlowe starlets

I sat in the bar at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury and watched the kids on the monitor in action on stage during A Night of a Thousand Stars.

The Marlowe Youth Theatre – in particular our young Dover stars, Saskia Wadsworth-Smith, Ben Steele and Natalie Read – were fantastic.

They were unfazed by the magnitude of the occasion and totally at home on the stage, along with all the stars who were there to say farewell to the Marlowe Theatre.

Their performance was faultless and I cried with pride as they took their final bows. They are stars of the future and Dover should be very proud of them.

Karol Steele, Dover

Hard to take flight with a right wing

Michael Walsh, of the Friends of Lydd Airport, discredits himself and his case by appearing to side with a far-right political party (letters, last week).

Also, by sending the letter on the group's behalf, he may well be ascribing such views to some supporters who may not wish to be associated with them.

It could also affect the airport itself and I call on chief executive Clifford Spink to disassociate the airport from the views expressed. Failure to do so may imply tacit support. As regards Lydd air-



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port's case, it has surely long been lost on both economic and environmental grounds. The delays in the decision-making process have been entirely the fault of the airport for not providing all the information needed in

the first place. Further, Mr Walsh forgets that the majority on the Marsh, and beyond, have been consistently against the proposals. He also forgets that I, along with others, have regularly put forward alternative ideas for

employment in the area, whether green-collar jobs and/or expanding tourism. I even support the proposed extra apprentice jobs, provided the airport remains as it is and withdraws its expansion plans permanently. All that appears missing is the political will and vision. I remind Mr Walsh that people have been changing their holidaying patterns, preferring UK breaks or going via train to Europe.

Given that the recession could last into 2011 and we may take years to recover, air travel is far less likely to be taken up for the foreseeable future.

Finally, with climate scientists becoming ever more alarmed, we must change our ways to avoid the worst that could still happen.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

Flipping his Lydd

What a thoroughly unpleasant letter from Michael Walsh.

His belief that Harry Williams, of the BNP, won the argument with Ray Duff "hands down, on points and by the proverbial mile" appears more to reflect Mr Walsh's own political leanings than any true reflection of events. Do all members of Friends of Lydd Airport hold the same views?

Michael James, Folkestone

Dubious views

An astonishing letter from Michael Walsh last week.

Aside from revealing some apparent rather dubious political views, his remark "when management is finally given planning permission to create hundreds of jobs, then he can contact me" por-

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trays a genuinely distasteful arrogance. Planning permission is a fait accompli, is it?

I think we should be told. As for the jobs claims, let's keep some hold on reality. Manston has promised all sorts of job creation figures – none has come to fruition. No wonder the majority on the Marsh is against expansion. And I suspect the minority in favour might have a change of heart after Mr Walsh's letter.

Mick Wilson, Hythe

Taxed – and vexed

I attach a graph showing the increases in council tax for a band F house in the Shepway council area. It shows an increase of 65 per cent over the past eight years – an average of eight per cent per annum. I am annoyed by these continuous increases, but as councils have the law on their side, we can do very little in protest. As a pensioner, who just happens to live in a band F house, I am happy to pay my bit towards education, refuse collection, police and fire services etc. I am not happy to pay the salaries and pensions of staff doing non-jobs that are advertised regularly. Councils should remember they are there to serve the people, not the other way round.

Terry Mullard, Dymchurch



Raw Deal on parking

Those of us who want to see Deal prosper will have been delighted that half a page of the Guardian's travel section was devoted to the town's holiday homes. The writer and her family concluded Deal was "cool", but the "astronomical parking charges" were not. Yet again the Conservative administration on Dover District Council has snatched an economic defeat from the jaws of victory.

Cllr Mike Eddy, KCC member for Deal

Our wasteful system

Interest rates are the lowest they have ever been, but there is no noticeable reduction in other daily expenses. Public fares are not fair, gas and electric costs shot up but are not coming down much.

The £2 million on a monument of a horse seems a bit much. The cost of the Olympics and Lord Coe's income from it appear excessive.

But the most hurtful and needless cost is council tax and business tax.

Councils are not indispensable. There is no need for us to belong to the EU. Only political appointees are doing well out of it.

As for the extra runway for Heathrow, destinations are being cancelled daily. The culture and style of management has become a malignant sore, depriving us of economic stability.

Rita Grootendorst, by email

Fundamental flaws

The Audit Commission has confirmed that Kent County Council was negligent in its investments in Iceland. Kent Green Party would like to know who will actually be taking responsibility for the £50 million loss.

Claims by KCC that it will get any of this money back are open to dispute. Will council officers or councillors resign?

In a commercial organisation, such a loss could easily lead to those responsible being sacked.

How will KCC show its commitment to public accountability? An admission that market fundamentalism has failed would be good. The resignation of those involved would be better.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

Contemptuous Kent

Yet again Kent County Cricket Club have shown their contempt for our national side by giving Stuart Clark the chance to prove his form and fitness ahead of the Ashes series.

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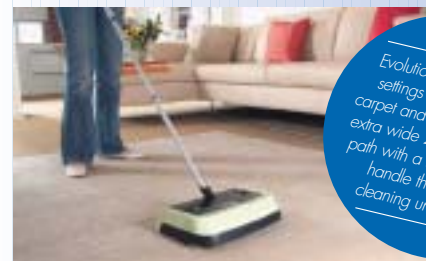
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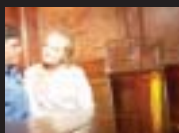
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GARY MOORE

Thursday, April 16
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



LEGENDARY guitarist Gary Moore starts his new live tour in Folkestone later this month.

Considered one of the greatest guitarists the British Isles has ever produced, Moore has appeared in the line-ups of several notable rock bands and enjoyed a highly successful solo career.

His latest album, *Bad For You Baby*, demonstrates the extraordinary talent that has kept Moore at the forefront of blues music during a career that spans five decades.

Born in Belfast in 1952, Moore was of the generation of music fans who fell in love with rock'n'roll when Elvis Presley and then The Beatles came along.

But when he saw acts like Jimi Hendrix and John Mayall's Bluesbreakers performing in his home-town in the mid-60s, it opened up a whole new world for the young music-lover.

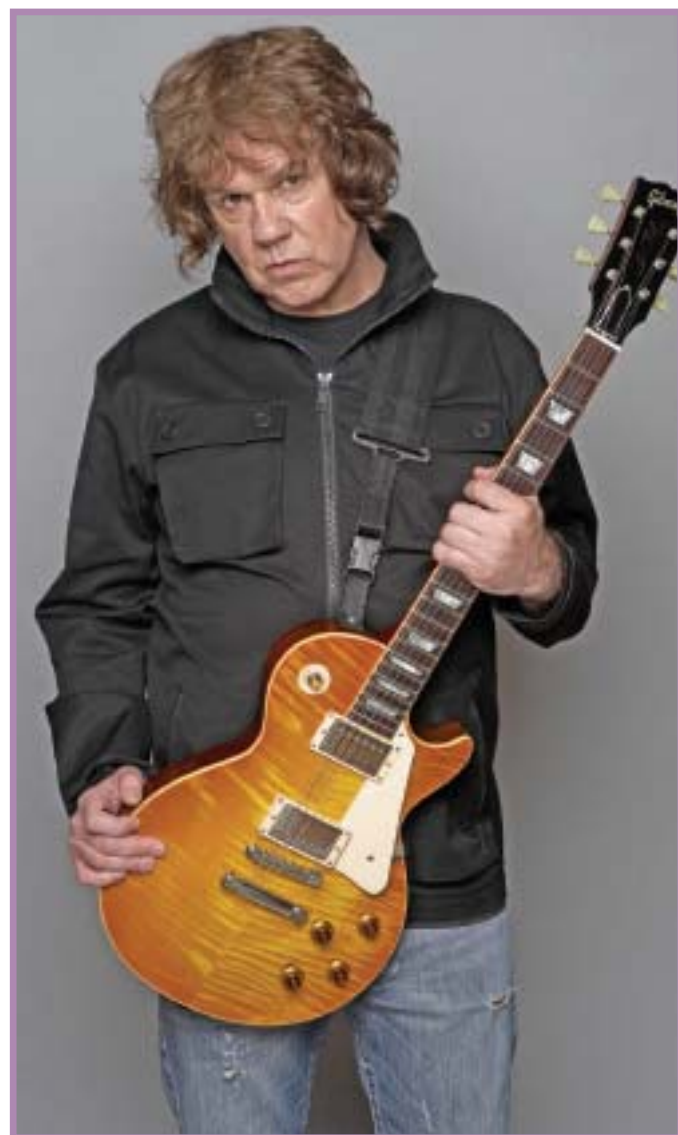
His passion and latent talent for the blues increased when he heard the guitar-playing of musicians like Peter Green, who would later become Moore's mentor.

Soon considered a teenage prodigy under Green's guidance, Moore later paid tribute to his hero by naming his 1995 album *Blues For Greeny*.

Moore secured his first record deal in 1970 with the power trio Skid Row. Shortly before the deal was signed, Moore had moved to Dublin and met Phil Lynott, who had filled in as vocalist. Moore released three albums with Skid Row and toured the US as support act to bands such as The Allman Brothers Band and Mountain.

Despite embarking on a solo career, he soon found himself drawn back into a band when Lynott invited him to join Thin Lizzy as Eric Bell's replacement. He was with the band only briefly but returned after Brian Robertson left in 1977 and again for the Black Rose tour the following year.

Exactly 30 years ago, Moore's solo career really got under way with the single *Parisienne Walkways*, which reached the Top 10 in April, 1979. It was followed by a successful album, *Back On The Streets*, and he spent the late 70s and early 80s restlessly



Picture: SAM SCOTTHUNTER

TALENTED: Gary Moore's legendary music career spans almost 40 years

pursuing the highest quality of music.

In 1985 he reunited with Lynott for the hit single *Out In The Fields* and followed it with the *Wild Frontier* album, an exploration of his Celtic roots. But it was his 1990 album *Still Got The Blues* that really saw Moore's creativity set free. The next album featured cameo appearances by blues greats such as Albert King, BB King and Albert Collins, with Moore making his mark even in this

hallowed company. In 2006 he delighted Thin Lizzy fans by reuniting with the band for a one-off concert in Dublin.

Moore has continued to experiment with his music and keep fans guessing, but one thing they can be sure of is that he will always be an exceptional talent.

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The Cinque Ports Ensemble will give the third concert in the series, led by violinist John Georgiadis who adds a personal touch with his interesting comments about the pieces or players. Georgiadis is well-known to Deal audiences through his involvement with the Cinque Ports Ensemble as conductor and violinist. He began studying the violin at the age of six, under the guidance of his amateur violinist father, and went on to study at London's Royal Academy of Music and in Paris before becoming a successful leader and conductor.

Joining him is cellist Martin Thomas, a fellow Academy graduate and former founder member of the Coull String Quartet, one of the UK's premier quartets. Pianist Anthony Halstead studied piano, horn, organ and



composition at the Royal Manchester College of Music and has held principal positions with a number of esteemed orchestras.

Tickets, priced at £10, are available from The Sound House in Deal on 01304 381134.

LOUISE ORFILA

Thursday, April 2
The Roundhouse Theatre, Dover

TALENTED young singer Louise Orfila is sure to blow the audience away when she performs this week.

A year ago, the 16-year-old from Folkestone gave a sell-out concert at the Roundhouse Theatre and since then she has gone from strength to strength. In her quest to improve and learn new skills, Orfila has worked with esteemed musicians such as Bob Drury, Pete Sewell and Andy Wall. This week's concert will celebrate the launch of her new single, which was recorded at the New Eden Studios in Dover and is described as having an upbeat, feel-good sound with a Nashville rhythmic style. She will also sing songs from her forthcoming album.

Born in Ashford, Orfila was bitten by the performing bug when she appeared in a Nativity play at her nursery. She honed her skills with the Imagination Theatre School in Folkestone and the Blackfish Academy of Performing Arts in Dover, appearing as Scaramouche in the latter's production of We Will Rock You and going on to appear on BBC television and radio.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5. To book call 07528 585187. For more information visit www.louise-orfila.com.



WORKSHOP SHOW

Thursday, April 9
Town Hall, Dover

SONGS from the musicals will be performed by talented young people following a week-long workshop.

Last month 25 young people were chosen from an open audition to receive a week of free professional training with musical director Andrew Friesner (pictured), playwright/director Michael Thomas and West End actress/director Marie Kelly. A professor of music theatre at the Royal Academy of Music, Friesner also teaches at Rose Bruford College and Laine Theatre Arts.

He has worked with Andrew Lloyd-Webber on Sunset Boulevard, performed in major theatres in the West End and throughout the UK and is also a renowned composer.

At the end of the work-



shop, the performers will present scenes from South Pacific, Hairspray, Billy Liar and Blood Brothers. There will also be exciting fight scenes from Robin Hood and West Side Story, choreographed by directors Orlando Brooke and Nicholas John.

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minate in a free performance at the town hall, starting at 7.30pm. The workshop has been sponsored by Dover Town Council, KCC Members' Fund, Pharos Insurance Brokers, The London Fancy Box Company, The Silly Committee and Bradleys Solicitors.

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Easter fun for all the family at the museum

HOP into the Dover Museum next week to take part in the Easter family day.

On April 8 adults and children are invited to make an Easter card and bunny. Just go along anytime between 10am and 4.30pm to take part in the free workshop. Normal admission rates apply. Entry is free for Dover District Council residents, proof of address is required. See www.dovermuseum.co.uk.

Popular hits are given a twist at this pub gig

GET ready to hear classic rock songs as you have never heard them before when Zambu plays in Dover.

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Tribute to Elvis will endeavour to impress

FANS of the King will be all shook up when Cliff Castle pays tribute to his idol.

Castle has won a strong following across the south east and delighted audiences both young and old. Find out more at www.cliffcastle.moonfruit.com.

Castle will be at The Old Endeavour in London Road, Dover, on Saturday. For more information about the venue, call the pub on 01304 204417.

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Thursday 23rd April - 7:00pm (doors)
Tickets **£19.50** (standing)

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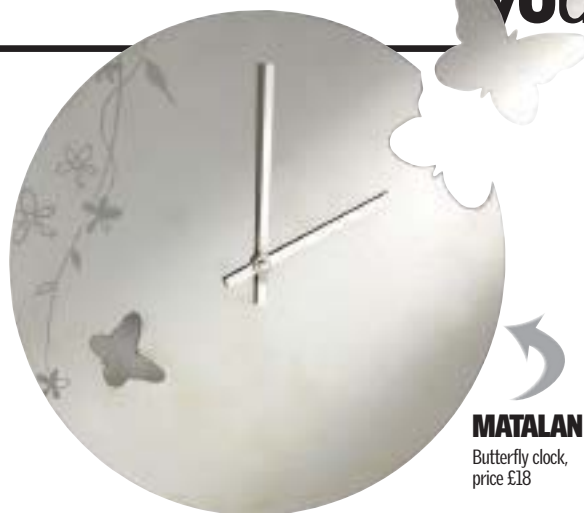


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The Farmhouse is jazzing it up with worldwide talent

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

CHICAGO-born saxophonist Matana Roberts will play at The Farmhouse this weekend – kick-starting the Canterbury venue's monthly International Jazz Sundays event.

The acclaimed jazz star will take to the stage at 4pm on Sunday, one of just five UK tour dates she will play this year.

International Jazz Sundays will be held on the first Sunday of every month, featuring, as the name implies, a non-England-based jazz act.

The three remaining weekends of the month have also been catered for.

The Farmhouse's Matt Gough said: "Other monthly Sundays starting in April include The Farmhouse Thriftstore Sundays, with food stalls from local producers and local clothes/record shops taking place on the second Sunday of every month.

"Rockabilly Sundays will take place every third Sunday and Ska/Reggae Sundays will be held on the fourth Sunday of every month."

The rolling super Sundays line-up has been organised in conjunction with the venue's Sunday roast menu.

Lunch is served from noon to 5pm, with a two-course meal costing just £12. A third course can be added for an additional £3.

My personal picks from the menu include the hare on toast starter (£4.75), traditional roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and horseradish main (£9) and chocolate brownie (£5) or



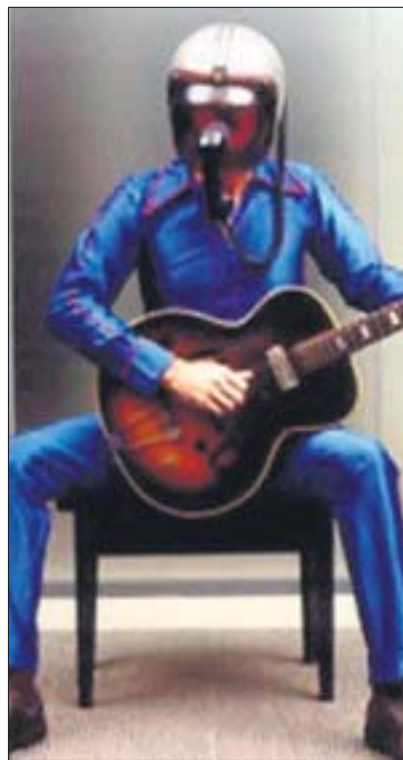
English farmhouse cheeses with biscuits and chutney (£5) for dessert.

Back to the music, The Farmhouse has three nights of live performances lined up in the coming weeks, starting with one-man-band Bob Log III on Thursday.

The man is a cannonball-suit, motorbike helmet-wearing slide-guitar genius. He's the best in the world at what he does, if only taking that title by virtue of the fact that he is the only person in the world who does what he does.

Next up is Canadian husband-and-wife duo Handsome Furs on Thursday, April 9, and instrumentalists Holy F*** on Saturday, May 9.

For more details on the food and music line-up, visit www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk.



IT'S JAZZ: Chicago-born saxophonist Matana Roberts (left) will play at The Farmhouse, along with motorbike helmet-wearing slide-guitar genius Bob Log II (above)

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Spall pays his tribute to an 'infuriating genius'

BY KATE WHITING

FOOTBALL legend Brian Clough doesn't appear to have a lot in common with music mogul Simon Cowell, but Timothy Spall thinks otherwise.

The seasoned British actor plays Clough's right-hand man Peter Taylor in controversial new biopic *The Damned United*. He has read more than most about the football manager and has his own theory about Clough's popularity.

"He was a loudmouth and he liked annoying people. Every now and again these personalities turn up who are both infuriating and fascinating, but you can't help but like them," Spall says.

"You could compare them to Simon Cowell – they drive you nuts, but they are so original that you can't resist them – they're marvellous in their own right. And I think Clough enjoyed the limelight."

Brian Clough, who died in 2004, was thought to be one of England's best managers. He won back-to-back European Cups with Nottingham Forest and took Derby County from the bottom of Division Two to their first Football League championship.

The *Damned United* follows the player-turned-manager's rise with Derby from 1968 up to his disastrous 44-day stint in charge of Leeds United in 1974, then the biggest club in the country.

While Clough, played by Michael Sheen, enjoyed being the front-man, his loyal assistant manager Taylor was more of a shrinking violet, a kind-hearted man who worked hard behind the scenes and let Clough take the glory.



SMOKING GUN: Timothy Spall as Peter Taylor

Their dynamic, sometimes volatile, partnership is at the heart of the film.

"Obviously it's a sporting piece, but it's very much about the marriage between Clough and Taylor," 52-year-old Spall says.

"Taylor was a typical backroom boy, like a wife in the background – he brought all the support. His real talent was for knowing which players worked together and for spotting other players that had been undervalued."

"Clough, apart from many other brilliant – and annoying – things, was an incredible man motivator. He knew how to get the best out of people. So it was a perfect marriage and a bit like a lot of double acts, comedians and showbiz partnerships, they're not as good without each other."

The film, based on the book by Red Riding author David Peace, paints Clough as a charismatic, ambitious young manager who liked to court controversy. Clough's family are reportedly bitter about the book and the film, which portrays Clough as the victim of his own ambition and competitiveness.

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His long-standing rivalry with Leeds manager Don Revie led him to take the post when Revie became England manager, even though he had railed against the club's aggressive playing style.

Clough and Taylor fell out over the decision, and Taylor refused to join him at Leeds. Clough soon began to realise he couldn't cope on his own and became the least successful manager in the club's history.

But for all Clough's bigmouth bravura, Spall says there was a kind man underneath: "He went and visited people in hospital and if anyone needed dosh, he'd help them out."

"Very few sports types are that fascinating. He wasn't just a braggart and a pundit, he was a kind of genius."

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ITV 2, 8pm, Thursday

WHAT in the name of all that's good and holy has happened to The Simpsons in recent years?

I caught one of the latest episodes last weekend and was shocked by how bad it was.

For what was once essential viewing, it has ventured into the realm of self-congratulatory, back-slapping, must-avoid viewing.

Matt really must be Groening.

What used to be so joyful about this TV monster was the subtle touches and understated jokes that ran alongside the more slapstick stuff that appealed to the younger viewers.

It was a real family show in every sense of the word and wasn't just about the Simpsons, but also the community of a dumb suburban town.

Now though it really only focuses on Homer, seemingly the only character anyone seems to care about – and that's a crying shame.

Rarely has a show fallen from grace so badly – and don't get me started on the over-indulgent plot-free movie.

I hope the creators call time on this sooner rather than later before the reputation is further tarnished, but while it's still making money on such a grand scale it's hard to see.

The latest episodes always air on Sky, before Channel 4 set about flogging them to death until you, me and our children's children have shuffled off this mortal coil once and for all.

What was once America's favourite show has long since been surpassed in the ratings by the likes of American Idol.

Season eight is now in full shmultz – sorry – swing, on ITV 2 on Thursdays.



OFF KEY: Cult cartoon series The Simpsons has lost the appeal that made it a worldwide smash

Simon Cowell's strangle-hold on the music charts is even more in effect there as it is here.

While he has unleashed Leona Lewis and co on our national consciousness, the king of the centrepiece flat-top conducts another reign of terror across the Atlantic.

Have you ever heard of Taylor Hicks, Clay Aiken, Jordin Sparks, Chri Daughtry or Carrie Underwood?

I'm guessing that unless you're a devotee of this show then probably not.

Well, in America these are big names peddling a brand of middle-of-the-road mayhem into the hearts and minds of an already misguided nation.

Far more of the runners-up and rejects go on to have astonishingly big careers than here and you must wonder if, really, we have got off lightly with the annual X Factor circus.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
SOMEONE may ask you to teach a class or write a book. Seize this opportunity immediately. Although it may not pay very much, it could lead to bigger and better things. A person who has been badmouthing you may hurt your reputation. Let your actions speak for themselves.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
IT MAY be best to keep your thoughts to yourself right now. An overbearing expert is wearing on your patience. It's better to keep a respectful silence. In time, they will make a miscalculation. When that happens, you'll be able to point to their arrogant incompetence.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
ALTHOUGH you're fond of familiar comforts, it does pay to expand your horizons. Don't expect your colleagues to take much of an interest in your activities. If people suspect you are getting restless, they may try to hold you back. Keep your public and professional lives separate.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
IT'S important to check and double-check your work this week. A small mistake could be disastrous. A medical consultation could bring welcome relief from a nagging ache or pain. If you're looking for a job, this would be a good time to make the round of employment agencies.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
THIS is a good time to spend money on travel, education and technical gadgets. Although you're not very materialistic, you do enjoy the occasional splurge. By putting your resources toward things that will expand your consciousness, you'll get a huge return on your investment.
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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)
YOUR social life takes off like a rocket. Making the rounds of parties will be a pleasant diversion. You're sick and tired of being buried at work. Delegate smaller responsibilities to colleagues. Doing everybody else's job will ultimately take a toll on your health.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
IF you're struggling with a debt it's time to make a deal. Consolidate your bills and negotiate a lower repayment rate. If you stand your ground, you could even hammer out an agreement that allows you to pay off only the principle. These days, people are anxious for cash.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
YOUR upbeat mood will delight some and annoy others. Try to recognise the difference. If a youngster or lover is depressed you can lift their spirits with kindness and a well-timed sense of humour. If you're looking for love, think about joining an internet dating site.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
A BRIGHT idea could win you some great publicity. This is definitely the time to promote your agenda. An intimidating authority figure may try to block your way. Luckily, the rest of the group will rally to your side. Continue to hold your ground. A female ally will be helpful now.
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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
CAREER matters are highlighted this week. If an executive leaves his position, be prepared to step in. Although you may be scared about taking this risk, it will pay off. It's all a matter of having faith in your natural leadership ability. Pay no attention to rivals.
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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
THERE'S never been a better week to sign a contract. Entering into a business partnership is also favoured. A jealous relative could try to cause trouble. Don't waste valuable time trying to deflect their attacks when you could be crafting amazing deals.
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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOU may be thinking of moving. Maybe your current place is too far away from your job. It's even possible you're depressed by your surroundings. Take things slowly. Make a list of what you would like in a community. The more clarity you have the easier it is to find the perfect home.
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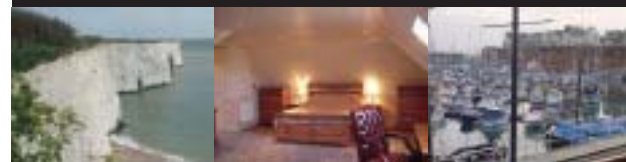
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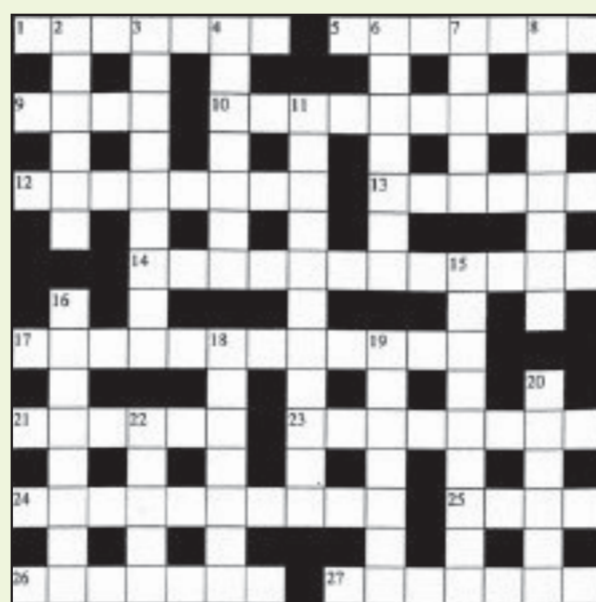
ACROSS

- 1 Send up symbol on elevated advertising board (3-4)
- 5 Reprimand William on holiday (4,3)
- 9 United Kingdom sailor returning capital (4)
- 10 Delay - on this bridge? (10)
- 12 Type of radioactive waste bird found in a horizontal position (3-5)
- 13 The first Christian perhaps (6)
- 14 War of the century (7,5)
- 17 Light charmed object able to grant all one's desires (8,4)
- 21 I do icy manoeuvre that's stupidity (6)
- 23 Did some relief work (8)
- 24 Violent rat damaged respirator (10)
- 25 After half-time, the sound of snoring in state of nervous agitation (4)
- 26 Fashionable spot that's properly sited (2,5)
- 27 Dray he and I organised for pleasure journey at farm (7)

DOWN

- 2 Hooter of ox with lank disposition (6)
- 3 Suppressed initial question in revised schedule (9)
- 4 So vegan cooked using this? (3,4)
- 6 Evicted, sad being leaderless (7)
- 7 Yarn from Long Island (5)
- 8 Having extremities that are tired having a chilblain perhaps (8)
- 11 Less perfect development of personal pride (4-7)
- 15 Interpreter formerly to assume it to be true alternatively (9)
- 16 Heavy stick used to strike repeatedly (8)
- 18 Poem I see reportedly blissful (7)
- 19 A former prince first in Canada (7)
- 20 Caught topless Liz among the fruit (6)
- 22 Some concoct allocation based on the number eight (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Flaw (7)
- 5 Smoker's receptacle (7)
- 9 Engrave (4)
- 10 Of external origin (10)
- 12 Office worker's rank (8)
- 13 Accuse (6)
- 14 Area of authority (12)
- 17 Cheerful (5-7)
- 21 Oral (6)
- 23 Type of Indian cooking (8)
- 24 Showman (10)
- 25 Dimensions (4)
- 26 They are without a like (7)
- 27 Engaging in sport (7)

DOWN

- 2 Tiny (6)
- 3 Indian prince (9)
- 4 Slim (7)
- 6 Bantu (7)
- 7 Fashion (5)
- 8 Capital of Paraguay (8)
- 11 Cap (3-1-7)
- 15 Monotonously (9)
- 16 Tennis official (8)
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- 19 Food wrapping sheets (7)
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We had a wild time on honeymoon

■ BY CAROLINE GAMMELL

IT was 5.45am and pitch-black when we were woken by a cheery morning call and the promise of two steaming mugs of tea and warm muffins lying outside our tent.

Sleepily pulling on thick woollen socks, hat, trousers, T-shirt and fleece, we stumbled from our temporary home perched on the edge of a dry river-bed and hauled ourselves on to an open-top Land Rover.

In less than a minute, we were wide awake, peering through the pre-dawn gloom to catch a glimpse of the wildlife that lures millions to South Africa each year.

It was day three of our honeymoon, and thoughts of our big day, drunken guests and dancing the conga had been shelved as we craned our necks to spot the elephants, giraffes, zebras, buffalo, wildebeest, lions and leopards we knew were out there somewhere.

Our holiday was planned to meet our particular interests by To Escape To, a tiny operator specialising in fixing honeymoons (including your wedding list) to an impressive list of destinations: South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Uganda, Botswana, Namibia, Seychelles and Mauritius.

That morning, we were searching for one of the rarest animals in the Timbavati Private Game Reserve, with its open borders leading into the two million hectares that make up the Kruger National Park.

An hour and a half later, we were frustratingly close. The jeep's engine fell silent as we strained our ears to listen for movement.

Suddenly the radio crackled, a call came from a nearby ranger. Clinging on tight, we flew over pot-holes and hollows, excitement rising in all of us – even the experienced tracker.



GOOD MORNING: Tanda Tula safari camp (above) and the Melrose Arch Hotel (above right) had their own kind of luxury

And there they were.

A full-grown female cheetah with her two tiny cubs, teaching them to feed on a deer carcass. She looked warily at us, putting herself between us and her offspring. They were startlingly beautiful.

The thrill of the morning was part of three truly fabulous days at Tanda Tula safari camp, staying in a luxurious tent a world away from conventional camping – complete with wrought-iron double bed and en-suite outdoor shower.

Our days were made up of early-morning and late-afternoon drives interspersed with traditional meals eaten in the open air and relaxing around the swimming pool.

One afternoon, as we dipped our feet in the water, we spent an hour watching an elephant taking advantage of the cooling mud pool just 50 metres away. He exemplified everything Tanda Tula stands for: It's luxurious but not over the

top; in fact, everything is pitched perfectly. Genuine warmth from the staff makes it a place where we want to go back – first-year anniversary?

But our stay in the bush would not have been so enjoyable if we had not had two days – post-wedding – to collapse and catch up on sleep.

The most perfect vantage point to do just that was Tanamera Lodge – five separate huts tucked away on the edge of a hillside, not too near anywhere in the Mpumalanga region.

The food was sumptuous and the menu – with its choice of three dishes – was delivered to our door each morning on a scroll tied with ribbon.

With the evenings cool, we sat beside a roaring fire eating springbok – a small African antelope – and drinking the finest that Stellenbosch had to offer. To complete the week, we spent one night in Johannesburg at the beautifully turned-out Melrose Arch Hotel.



FACT FILE: SOUTH AFRICA

Time difference	+Two hours (GMT)
Capital	Johannesburg
Climate	Sub tropical, variable
Population	48 million
Currency	Rand (£1 = 13.2r)
Religion	Protestant (80 per cent)
Languages	11 official inc. Zulu and Xhosa

Travel details

- Caroline Gammell and her husband flew from Heathrow to Johannesburg on South African Airways (SAA) and on to Nelspruit, near Tanda Tula, on South African Airlink, part of SAA. There are two flights daily ex-Heathrow.
- Their package from £2,209, organised by travel company To Escape To, included two nights' half-board at Tanamera Lodge, three nights' all-inclusive at Tanda Tula Safari Camp (all meals, drinks, game drives and park fees) and one night B&B at Melrose Arch in Johannesburg, with shuttles.
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PROPERTY NEWS

Flooded rental market sees tumble in values

PRIVATE rents in Kent have dropped as sellers continue to flood the rental market with unwanted properties, a Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' survey has found.

And activity in the rental market seems to be contributing to the slump in housing transactions, say the experts.

A total of 42 per cent more chartered surveyors in the South East reported a rise than a fall in rental demand, compared with just five per cent in the previous quarter.

RICS South East director Peter Miller said: "The marketplace has become more competitive as reluctant landlords continue to look to let properties they are unable to sell.

"With property sales at historic lows the rental market will continue to boom – provided unemployment levels do not increase significantly.

"The downward pressure on rents will increase in the coming months where supply matches demand, but with house prices still falling, yields will continue to increase for many investors."

David Parry, of Cluttons, said: "Increasing numbers of homes are available to rent. Tenants have a very wide choice and are able to negotiate substantial discounts.

"Family housing has fallen by 20 per cent in rental value."

Sales increase seen as ray of light by agents

ESTATE agents recorded eight property sales on average last month, according to a housing market report by the National Association of Estate Agents.

This is an increase on the average of six in January.

The return of first-time buyers to the market held firm, dropping by just one per cent of the total sales for February.

The survey also found sales prices on average were 7.5 per cent lower than the asking price.

Association president Chris Brown said: "This sales increase is a real boost for a beleaguered market. It shows the demand identified by the NAEA is slowly but surely translating into sales.

"The housing market has had a devastating year, but prices are lower than they have been for a long time and there are bargains to be had.

"These little signs all add up to a glimmer of light at the end of what has been a long and difficult tunnel."



Free national auctions offer innovative lifeline for struggling sellers



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More than 400 properties have already been registered with the auctioneers.

If you are thinking of selling fast at maximum price, with the security of a deposit at no charge for entry or selling, entries are now being taken for the events at the New Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden, London, on Tuesday, April 21, and Tuesday, May 19.

■ BY NICK AMES

Properties can be registered by phoning Pattinson's auction department on 0845 146 1582, with further information available at www.pattinsonauction.co.uk.

The auction will feature properties from across the UK, including prestige, new-build and family homes, commercial properties, industrial and land, with available lots located across the country.

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Auction director Richard Francis extolled the virtues of the new system.

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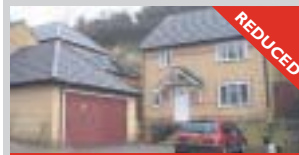
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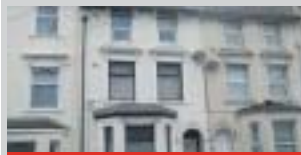
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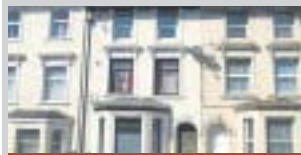
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*Source: "Hometrack Mar 09."
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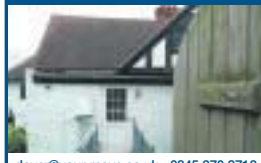


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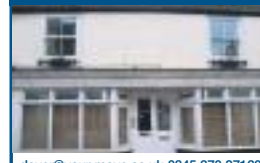
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Passer-by thinks funky Materia's bit of all white

SPRING is in the air, but Daihatsu dealer Roger Chapman of Express Garage, Herne Bay, can't wait for more snow.

He had been clearing snow from a Daihatsu Materia when passer-by Alan Harding became curious about what lay beneath. Once the funky mini-MPV was revealed, he promptly ordered his own and his wife Coralie followed suit.

"We weren't even looking for a new car, never mind two," said Mr Harding, pictured with his wife and Mr Chapman (centre). Prices start at £10,770.



Honda hybrid aims for the 'everyday' motorist

HONDA'S new Insight petrol-electric hybrid is not aimed at 'eco-evangelists', but ordinary car buyers.

Priced from £15,490, with long-term savings on depreciation and Benefit in Kind taxation, the Insight should average well over 60mpg and cost only £35/year to tax. It also substantially undercuts the rival Toyota Prius (from £18,870).

With no reliability problems reported on the previous Civic IMA hybrid, Honda says the operating life of the Insight's batteries will outlast the car itself.



Peugeot powers more CC sales with the 308

PEUGEOT invented folding hardtops in the 1930s and then made them mass market in 2001, by launching the 206CC.

From then until last year's recession the CC (coupé convertible) sector soared eight-fold to 250,000 across Europe and the French marque launches the 308CC (from £19,495) on June 1, though the fleet-footed can be in one earlier by ordering an exclusive £23,595 GT100 version.

The 308CC is a stylish four-seater, can be spec'd to luxurious levels and delivers a decent drive.



IT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE: Like most mini-MPVs the boot in the Suzuki Splash is small, but the carmaker has deleted the spare wheel to free space beneath the boot floor

Suzuki sends in the clones

GET used to even more cloning of small cars like the Suzuki Splash, especially now that we have a global slowdown.

True, demand for mini cars has increased, but unit profitability is small too so it makes sense to 're-invent the wheels' for several carmakers to use.

But how does Suzuki make the case for people to buy the Splash, when it is nearly identical to the Vauxhall Agila? The fag paper-thin argument comes down largely to Splash being a bright new name that buries memories of the quite awful Wagon-R model it replaced... the same quite awful car re-badged and also sold as the original Vauxhall Agila.

The Splash (from £8,350) has arguably the neater front grille too, while the smaller model line-up is better equipped as standard and concentrates on the 1.2-litre petrol engine – the best deal on offer across both ranges, including the 1.3-litre diesel option.

Morally, Suzuki also deserves the business as the Splash/Agila uses the its Swift hatch-back platform – pound-for-pound one of the

ROAD TEST SUZUKI SPLASH

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

best superminis around – and the clones are built by Suzuki in Hungary, although Vauxhall masterminded the car's huge interior and overall design. It has a small footprint and a tall stance without the leaning and fidgety ride usually associated with lofty creations on short wheelbases. In fact, the Splash is a decent drive – sure-footed and responsive – and one of a few that the average downsizing family could pick to cover all their needs.

Like most mini-MPVs the boot is small, so Suzuki has deleted the spare wheel to free space beneath the boot floor, but the dashboard is well-arranged with nice detail and the car is awash with stowage.

Three people across the back seat would not feel especially cramped either – fold down one rear seat and you have loads more space while retaining two seats – and headroom is exceptional. However, the seats feel thin on long journeys and overall cabin ambience could use more quality.

Our £9,350 1.2GLS+ test car looks to be the best buy; on top of generous standard kit including air con you also gain alloys, front fog lamps and rear privacy glass that give this stylish yet upright car a touch of class.



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MPV HATCHBACKS

CARMAKERS have been busy in recent years trying to cater for buyers who need MPV-style space with small hatchback manageability. Their efforts have met with mixed success, as shown by our three used car candidates. They each have large cabins relative to their size and many clever MPV tricks in seating and flexibility and there are bargains to be had, but such benefits can come at the expense of looks and style and driving enjoyment – buyers have to balance what their heart says against what their head is demanding...

NISSAN NOTE



THIS was a clever attempt to fill the gap left by two cars deleted from the Nissan line-up. It is not the prettiest car, but there can be few offering so much versatility within the compact dimensions of a large supermini. The boot has been cleverly arranged for different modes, the cabin is spacious and the Note is also available with frugal yet lively Renault-derived diesel power – though these command a premium – but the ride can be fidgety.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA JAZZ



HONDA has just replaced the original Jazz, so used values have eased from heights expected for this clever and reliable little car. Supermini manageability is married perfectly to a capacious cabin and rear seats that can lift to allow big loads or shopping to be packed quickly behind the front seats. There is no diesel, the CVT (continuously variable transmission) auto option is not everyone's favourite and the ride is firm, especially on earliest cars, but still a sound buy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

RENAULT MODUS



THOUGH the Modus is related to the Note, it has not been so successful. The looks are chic and it is the more refined car to be in as the ride is more relaxed, but the original cabin is smaller, so versatility is less obvious. However, used prices have eased, especially as the later and stretched Grand Modus version has started to appear on the used market, so the original versions are becoming very affordable in petrol and diesel guise.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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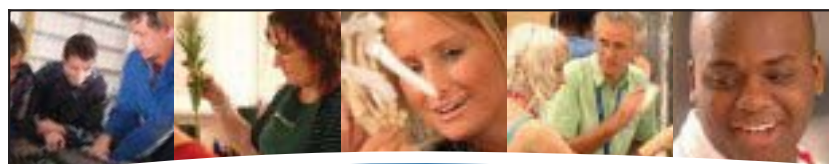
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Management coaching boosts Scipac profits

TRAINING does work. It's a major topic on business people's lips these days, but it's usually hard to quantify if it has been successful. However, one Kent company – Sittingbourne-based Scipac – has used business coaches for its top executive and management team and reports dramatic results.

It is projecting a 28 per cent growth in revenue and a 60 per cent increase in profit for the financial year ended March.

The firm has been trading for nearly 25 years. Founded by Dr Clive Dawes and the late Tony Raeside, it has developed products used in the health diagnostic sector, but growth meant it was in a transitional phase.

Managing director Stephane Argivier said: "Because of the changes in strategy we needed to get relevant experience into our management team as fast as possible. We saw coaching as a way of accelerating the implementation of our business plan."

It called in Maidstone-based WSQ Solutions and now the company reports: "Our staff feel more valued, motivated and clear about their targets and roles."

Green awards reminder as deadline approaches

TIME is running out for companies to enter the Environment Awards for Kent Business 2008 – the deadline is April 30.

Organiser Alex Green said: "Taking part is not a labour-intensive process, so we would advise companies to enter as soon as possible. There is a simple form to fill in which can be downloaded from www.kent.gov.uk/environmentawards.

"The top ten companies shortlisted will receive a visit from the judging panel and are then invited to the black-tie awards ceremony in September.

"If you know of an organisation you think deserves recognition for its work to protect the environment or within the community, why not nominate them?"

The awards also reward companies that have had a positive impact in the community.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "Is small really beautiful in business?" Search 'crunch'

New scheme revives village shops again

■ BY TONY PATEY

A SCHEME that helps villages open a community shop is proving a huge success in the county.

It is probably the first time in the UK that a dedicated scheme with all the help and advice on board has been rolled out.

And such is the interest, supporters believe it could lead to dozens of villages having a shop again.

The project has just been launched by Kent's 'Mr Rural Retailer' – Sean Carter.

The Community Shop Development Scheme, sponsored by Kent County Council and the South East England Development Agency (Seed), is being run by Mr Carter and co-worker Victoria Lawson.

There are four such shops already open in the county, but with the new scheme now on the go the team hopes to more than double that number within a year.

It's linked with the Kent Association of Rural Retailers (Karr) – again, reckoned to be the only one of its kind in the UK – which is run by Mr Carter, a former blue-chip retail company executive, as part of his role as rural retail adviser to Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

Permission

Community shops have been operating in Littlebourne since 2000, Cliffsend since 2004, Biddenden since 2005 and Shoreham since 2007.

There have been two open days about the scheme, and there are plans to open shops in Barham in mid-May and Chart Sutton at the end of June, subject to planning permission.

Ms Lawson, who helps groups set up a legal entity to run the shops and raise money, said a number of villages had expressed strong interest.

The next open day is at Lenham on



ON THE BOUNDARY: The timeless allure of village life is being enhanced by the setting up of community shops

Wednesday, April 22.

A general pamphlet is being worked on, along with a ring-binder booklet with full details which can be updated as necessary.

Ms Lawson said communities had first of all got to establish, perhaps through a public meeting, if they really wanted a shop and then if they intended to fully support it.

Once the go-ahead is given, a steering group is set up and a legal entity created, usually an industrial and provident society, but it could be a company.

Villagers can buy one share each, giving them the right to vote on the shop's future. The going price is usually £20 but can vary.

Premises could be a former pub, for example, former shop or even a container cabin.

The shops are not-for-profit and any surplus, or money which comes out of them, if they fold, must be spent locally. Mr Carter said that out

of 180 community shops across the country – growing at the rate of 15 a year – he knew of only a couple that had closed. He said: "It's amazing. Once a community has lost its shop and actually gets involved in setting up a new one, they realise it's their own shop and they tend not to let it go down.

"The scheme has got off to a good start. It shows there is now an awareness at local government level that a lot of talking has been done in the past about retail services, and now at last we are seeing a bit of action.

"I still believe commercial shops should be getting a bit of the action as well.

"They are just as valuable to the community. The post office closures really started focusing minds about what was going on in rural Kent."

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VITAL WIN: Deal secured back-to-back wins after victory against Purley John Fisher

Lions able to build on Warlingham win

RUGBY

Deal & Betteshanger 23

Purley John Fisher 15

DEAL and Betteshanger Lions followed up their surprise away victory at Warlingham last week, with a hard-fought win over Purley John Fisher at Drill Field on Saturday.

The visitors were first to register points with a penalty by their fly-half. This score was quickly cancelled out when Martin Robinson struck a difficult penalty, awarded for an offence at a ruck. The same player moved the Lions ahead with a magnificent strike from seven metres inside his own half.

The Lions increased their lead on the half hour, when the ball was recycled to second row Dan Atkinson who drove over. The try was converted by Robinson.

The home side made a confident start to the second period. Just when it seemed the Lions were taking control, the visitors narrowed the lead to three points again with a converted try. With just five minutes of time remaining, the Lions put the game to bed with an outstanding try scored by substitute Neame.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about new loan signing Josh Wright



ON FORM: Jimmy Dryden was amongst the goal scorers as Folkestone hit lowly Crowborough for eight which extended Invicta's unbeaten record to three games

Seasiders hit form and slam eight past 'boro

FOOTBALL

■ BY ANDY BUCKMORE

Crowborough Athletic 2

Millroy 35, Dunford 87

Folkestone Invicta 8

Arnold-Smith 4, 31, 70, Vincent 51, 90, Chappell 63, Dryden 65, Jackson 70

team's performance and believes the result was a new club record.

He said: "I was over the moon with the result. I mean Crowborough were not the best side we have come up against, but it was not as though their goalkeeper was chucking the ball into his own net. We were top notch on the attack. I think it is a record win for us, definitely in the Ryman Leagues. We are on a really good run at the moment and it is shame it has come towards the end of the season. We could have been fighting at the top of the table playing like we have been."

Folkestone starting XI



"I think the younger players have started to believe in themselves and it is really showing on the pitch with the results we have picked up."

Promotion-chasing Kingstonian are Folkestone's opponents this Saturday, which begins a run of three games against sides in the top ten. Despite the difficult run in, Cugley believes the pressure will be on their rivals.

He added: "We have got a tough run in but the way I see it is the pressure is on the other teams. They have got to come and play us and get a result as they are fighting for promotion."

FOLKESTONE Invicta produced arguably their best performance of the campaign as they put eight goals past lowly Crowborough to continue their fine end of season form.

Neil Cugley's side started the game well taking the lead with just four minutes on the clock through Jacob Arnold-Smith. The striker added a second goal on the half hour before Crowborough cut the deficit before the break.

The second half saw one of Folkestone Invicta's finest attacking displays as they scored six more goals. Josh Vincent slotted home the fourth six minutes after the restart before Frankie Chappell, Jimmy Dryden and Jimmy Jackson all found the net.

Invicta were not done with the score at 6-1 and scored two further goals, with Arnold-Smith completing his hat-trick and Vincent grabbing his second. The home side scored what proved to be a consolation goal three minutes from time.

Invicta boss Cugley was delighted with his

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Dover finally clinch the Ryman Premier title

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 6

Rogers 36, Collin 55, Welford 60, 83, Bodkin 77, Hill 88

Sutton United 0

WINNING the Ryman Premier League title ranks alongside his greatest achievements, according to Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler.

The former Gills manager guided the Whites to back-to-back promotions on Saturday as Dover thrashed Sutton United 6-0 in front of a bumper crowd of 1,400 at Crabble.

With nearest rivals Staines Town only managing a draw after a late equaliser from Hastings United, Dover were awarded the title and wild celebrations ensued.

The Dover boss was overwhelmed at the final whistle and felt the performance from his players was one of the best of the season.

He said: "It's up there. It means a lot. It's tremendous for everybody connected to the club. I've had some good times and some rough times – but not so many rough times. I got promoted at Gillingham and got the club to their highest ever position as manager, but this is right up there with those achievements. We knew this was going to come, it was just when.



CHAMPIONS: Dover Athletic celebrate winning the Ryman Premier League title after a stunning display at Crabble

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Bodkin 74 (Collin), Jones 80 (Pouton), Hughes 84 (Browning)

It was fitting to do it on our own patch and in style with a great performance. The scoreline doesn't flatter us – it could have been more.

"There was some tremendous football played. I thought we'd win, but I didn't think we'd win the title on Saturday."

Dover have dominated the league this season and since taking top spot in the autumn, they've never looked back. At the turn of the year the lead over their nearest rivals was 25 points. The Whites have experienced just three defeats and – together with Liverpool – are the only unbeaten sides at home this season.

Hessenthaler put the success down to hard work and togetherness.

He added: "I think it's because we are together on the pitch and off it. It is about a squad of players with ability and a work ethic to go out there, week in week out, and perform."

Even though his side have won the league with five games remaining, Hessenthaler is not ready to start thinking about Blue Square South and would like to finish the season unbeaten at home with 100 points.

FOOTBALL



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

RETIRING: Giuliano Grazioli will retain fond memories of his time at Dover Athletic

'Devastated' Grazioli retires to save sight

THE term 'legend' is often banded about in football, but this is how striker Giuliano Grazioli will be remembered in non-league circles after being forced to hang up his boots.

The 34-year-old Dover Athletic striker was told he could risk losing his sight and has retired on medical advice.

The former Barnet striker joined Andy Hessenthaler's Whites this season and believes the eye condition stems from a concussion received during a 2-1 victory at Wealdstone in November. Grazioli, who has made 237 appearances and scored 119 goals in 14 years, was devastated.

He said: "It was a hell of a shock. I am 34 and have had my career, but I thought I still had another two or three years left in me.

"Football is all I know and my main income, but I have made the right decision. I have two kids and I want to see them grow up."

Grazioli hit the headlines in January 1998, when his first half strike for Stevenage Borough earned a lucrative FA Cup fourth round replay against Newcastle United.

After spells at Swindon Town and Bristol Rovers he joined Barnet, where he became a cult hero. At Underhill he scored 62 goals in 131 games, including 29 in the 2004/05 season, which helped earn his side promotion to the Football League.

With five goals in 25 appearances for the Whites, Grazioli revealed he will look back on his time at Dover as one of the golden moments of his career. He has been impressed by the professionalism shown by the club and believes they will go from strength to strength.

He said: "Playing at Dover feels as good as when I was at Barnet. I am amazed how many supporters turn out. It is something Dover as a town should be proud of."

Grazioli is unsure as to where his future will lead, but will stay at the club until the end of the season in a coaching role.

He added: "Some clubs would have told me to leave straight away, so I'm grateful."

FOOTBALL

Ball savours moment but sets new target

DOVER Athletic defender Laurence Ball believes there is still work to do, even though his side have won promotion to Blue Square South.

The young Whites centre-back played all 90 minutes of Dover's 6-0 thrashing of Sutton United on Saturday, which secured the Ryman Premier League title and back-to-back promotions. Ball has been one of Dover's most impressive performers this season and has no desire to sit back for the remaining league games.

He said: "We set ourselves little targets each month. We got promoted and that was the overall target, but now we want to go unbeaten at home and get 100 points. I think these targets are partly down to why we have been so successful.

"We have some great players and management, but we also have great character and togetherness. When games are not going well we rally round and work as a unit."

Ball admitted he was thinking about the Staines game in the final minutes on Saturday.

He said: "You try to concentrate on the game, but with two minutes to go I just wanted to find out what the Staines score was. When we heard they had drawn it was unbelievable."



ON THE BALL: Defender Ball says there is more work to do this season

Sedgwick leads the Sharks' charge in clinical display

RUGBY

Dover 46 Beckenham 8

DISPLAYING their attacking prowess was the order of the day for Dover as they ran in seven tries in a convincing victory at Crabble.

The home side started strongly and opened the scoring with a try from Ben Sedgwick. Blair Charge added the extras.

Beckenham cut the deficit shortly after with a penalty, but the score led to Dover taking the game by the scruff of the neck.

The Sharks scored a second try just before the break through Martyn Beaumont.

Dover dominated the second half, running in five tries with Sedgwick scoring his second. Lee Tonks, Ricky Mackintosh, Ricky Stanley and Dave Sluman were the try scorers.

Beckenham got themselves on the score-sheet late on, but it proved to be a consolation try. The result means Dover stay fifth in



Picture: GORDON PRO

FINE FORM: Dover demolished Beckenham with a clinical attacking display

London 2 South.

They could move up to fourth if they can beat fellow high-flyers Gravesend this Saturday.

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